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## Peres to visit Oman, Qatar

DAVID MAKOVSKY and news agencies

PRIME Minister Shimon Peres is to make an official visit to Oman and Qatar this week, officials in the Prime Minister's Office confirmed last night.

Peres was invited to Oman by the government of Sultan Qaboos bin Said for a two-day visit from April 1, the official Oman News Agency reported.

In neighboring Qatar, diplomatic sources said Peres was expected to visit Doha later in the week. Qatar invited Peres during this month's "Summit of Peacemakers" in Egypt.

Yitzhak Rabin made the first public visit to a Gulf Arab state by an Israeli leader in December 1994 when he went to Oman. It is believed that quiet ties between Israel and Oman date back to the 1970s.

Qatar and Oman, like the other four members of the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) alliance, have no diplomatic relations with Israel but the two countries have accords with Israel for the exchange of trade missions.

Dr. Joseph Kostiner, an analyst on Gulf affairs at Tel Aviv University's Dayan Center for Middle East Studies cautioned last night against expecting ties with Gulf states to improve beyond their current incremental pace. He said he believed ties with Oman or Qatar would improve gradually, but that no major leaps like full relations could be expected, since neither state wants to alienate Syria, which participated in the Gulf War.

Saudi Arabia, the dominant power within the pro-Western GCC, said earlier last week it would not seek to normalize ties with Israel before a comprehensive and final settlement with all Israel's Arab neighbors.

## Clinton: PLO keeping commitments to Israel

HILLEL KUTTLER WASHINGTON

PRESIDENT Bill Clinton is planning to certify tomorrow that the PLO is in compliance with its commitments to Israel under the Oslo Accords.

However, in a bid to maintain the pressure on Palestinian Authority President Yasser Arafat, Clinton will state that he will again evaluate PLO compliance in mid-June, rather than in September, as mandated by Congress.

The president's periodic certification is required under terms of the Middle East Peace Facilitation Act, legislated following the 1993 signing of the Declaration of Principles. The administration had already presented its compliance report to Congress on March 1.

According to a Jewish community official who has met with administration officials on the matter, Clinton's letter to the chairman of several Congressional committees will state that so far Arafat has stepped up his efforts to halt terrorism.

The administration and Israel have coordinated closely on the certification issue, with both agreeing that Arafat must be pressed to do more to fight terrorism, the Jewish official said.

A senior administration official confirmed that Clinton will certify the PLO's compliance and that among the options being considered is stating the next certification would be issued on or about May 7, by which time the PLO is committed to amending its covenant.

But that option was apparently rejected, out of concern it would undermine the PLO's independence in making those changes.

On Thursday night, Congress also paved the way for the transfer of the first \$50 million in Clinton's \$100 million commitment of counter-terrorism assistance to Israel.

# Hizbullah fires Katyushas into Galilee

TENS of thousands of people in front-line communities in the North slept in bomb shelters and security rooms last night, as Hizbullah fired several Katyusha rockets at the Galilee Panhandle and Western Galilee to avenge the deaths of two Lebanese civilians from IDF artillery fire yesterday afternoon.

There were no reports of casualties or damage after the bombardment at around 11 p.m.

The precipitating shelling incident - an apparent case of mistaken identity - had raised the already tense atmosphere along the border and in southern Lebanon to fever pitch.

In the past, Hizbullah has retaliated for casualties among Lebanese civilians by blasting the Galilee with Katyusha rockets. Last night, however, Israel issued an official apology for the incident, saying it had been a mistake.

"I tell [Israelis] to stay in their shelters today, tomorrow, and the day after," Hizbullah secretary-general Sbeikh Hassan Nasrallah said in a statement issued in Beirut last night.

"I don't know at what hour the retaliation will come to avenge the innocent martyrs that you [Israelis] killed intentionally," Nasrallah was quoted as saying by news agencies.

"The Israelis have to stay in their shelters and they have to experience a taste

of any aggression they practice against our people," he said.

The shelling yesterday afternoon came in response to a series of shooting and roadside bomb attacks against IDF and South Lebanese Army troops in the security zone over the weekend. There were no casualties in any of the attacks.

The IDF Spokesman said IDF troops had opened fire at a group of armed elements moving on the outskirts of Yatar village, which is north of the security zone. The spokesman noted that terrorist activities have emanated from the area in the past, including shooting at the IDF and SLA.

The statement said that, according to Lebanese press reports, Lebanese civilians had been killed as a result of the IDF shelling. The statement said the IDF was investigating the matter.

The announcement noted that Hizbullah gunmen had carried out mortar and sniper attacks on IDF and SLA positions over the weekend in the zone's eastern and central sectors. Hizbullah had also planted roadside bombs along routes used by IDF and SLA soldiers.

Military sources said that, in response to the threats issued by Nasrallah, the IDF was taking all necessary precautions to protect the Galilee.

UNIFIL spokesman Timur Goksel said the Lebanese civilians who were

killed yesterday were known to members of the international peacekeeping force. He said they had been working for the past fortnight on a Lebanese government project to construct a water tank in the Yatar village area.

They had been escorted to and from the work site by soldiers from UNIFIL's Nepalese battalion, which has a position in the area.

Goksel said the Nepalese soldiers were not in the area at the time of the incident, in which two of the workers were killed and a third was badly wounded.

According to reports from Lebanon, the Amal Shi'ite movement has com-

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Hamas students flee Palestinian police yesterday at An-Najah University in Nablus. Some 500 policemen raided the campus to disperse students protesting against arrests by the Palestinian Authority. (Reuters)

## PA Police raids Hamas student rally

PLO police yesterday fired bullets and tear gas to disperse Hamas students at a Najah University rally in Nablus.

Witnesses said about 500 police entered the campus and fired bullets in the air and teargas to disperse hundreds of Hamas activists protesting at the arrests of the group's members by the Palestinian Authority. They said two protesters were arrested and three treated for tear gas inhalation.

"There was a rally organized by the students' union in which Hamas people were criticizing [President Yasser] Arafat and his [Palestinian] Authority for arresting Hamas activists," a Hamas activist at the rally said.

"Suddenly, policemen entered the campus and started beating up people with clubs and tried to disperse them by shooting

in the air and firing tear gas," he said.

A senior Palestinian official said Arafat later ordered an investigation into the raid. Arafat's own faction within the Palestine Liberation Organization was involved in the fighting with police.

"Members of Arafat's Fatah faction condemned the raid and clashed with Palestinian police on campus," said a Fatah member.

In response to the raid university officials called a two-day strike to protest against what they said was illegal action taken by the police.

The Palestinian Police, at the urging of Israel, has arrested hundreds of Islamic activists since a series of suicide bombings, starting on February 25, killed 58 people in Israel. Hamas's military wing has claimed responsibility for three of the attacks.

An-Najah University is the largest university in the West Bank, with 7,000 students enrolled. Palestinian sources have said it is a base for Hamas activities.

Hamas runs schools and social services in the Palestinian-run areas and the authority has only banned its military wing, Izzadin Kassam.

"Hamas students were using microphones to incite against the Palestinian Authority and there is no place where Palestinian police are barred from entering to maintain security," a police official said. "Police were just doing their job and we will not allow anyone, regardless of who they are, to tamper with security."

Palestinian police hit a Reuters television cameraman trying to film the clashes and other photographers said they had their film confiscated. (Reuters)

## Donors to hold emergency meeting on aid to Palestinian Authority

DONOR countries will hold an emergency meeting in Brussels on April 12 to address the "special Palestinian economic needs" resulting from the closure of the territories, a senior US official said Friday.

Invitations will be sent out by Norway, which serves as chairman of the ad-hoc liaison committee of the donor nations.

"I daresay that we will look at tackling the donors' economic support more broadly," the official told reporters at the conclusion of a two-day counter-terrorism conference here.

State Department spokesman Nicholas Burns said the US will put "substantial pressure" on governments that have not yet fulfilled their 1993 pledges to do so.

The news was a by-product of the conference that was comprised of the same 29 nations that convened in Sharm e-Sheikh two weeks ago to address the terrorism that hit Israel and its threat to the peace process.

Security and political officials met here in four working groups to discuss cooperative counter-terrorism measures that the US will compile into a report to be sent to each capital in the coming days.

The Palestinians, Egyptians, and Europeans succeeded to a large degree in forcing onto the conference's agenda the economic losses sustained in the territories due to the closure, imposed after the wave of suicide bombings.

A comprehensive anti-terrorism policy will be adopted when the foreign ministers of the participants convene on April 22, in Luxembourg.

"There was very broad general support for the peace process and getting the peace negotiations back on track," the official said. "It was recognized that an improvement in the security environment, an improvement in the economic environment, would help Israelis and Palestinians get back to a re-engagement on the political level."

Participants discussed the "very urgent need" for training personnel in counterterrorism in the region, with a "special emphasis" on extending such training to the Palestinian Authority, a second official said.

They also discussed preventing terrorist fund-raising, tightening border controls and combating forged travel documents.

There was also "considerable discussion" of the closure issue, but the fact terrorism threats could be discussed in a "professional manner... without any political speeches" indicates the progress that has been made "not only in the peace process, but how the world looks at terrorism," the second official said.

He stated that security cooperation between Israel and many Arab countries would likely de-

## Islamic Jihad: Senior Palestinian officials support suicide attacks

ISLAMIC Jihad leader Ramadan Abdallah Shallah has pledged that his organization will continue to launch suicide attacks against Israelis to create "a balance of terror."

He said that despite the Palestinians Authority's "collaboration" with Israel his organization would not encourage intra-Palestinian rifts, adding that "senior officials, not just ordinary members of the authority," personally support suicide attacks against Israelis.

"If the Jews had remained in New York, Poland or Russia, we would not have thought of taking up arms against them," the Damascus-based terror leader said. "But for them to come to Jerusalem..." (Continued on Page 4)

## Peres: Lebanese civilians killed by mistake

DAVID MAKOVSKY

PRIME Minister Shimon Peres confirmed last night that Israel had apologized for the killing "by mistake" of two Lebanese civilians north of the security zone yesterday.

Peres made his remarks after an address at Tel Aviv University's Dayan Center for Middle East Studies conference on Islam, "Between Jihad and Peace."

The move was seen as an attempt by the prime minister to head off a reprisal by Hizbullah against northern Israel. Peres said he saw no reason why there should be any tension in the North.

According to the US-brokered understandings in the wake of 1993's Operation Accountability, Israel is prohibited from targeting civilians north of the security zone. As long as Israel adheres to these understandings, Hizbullah is supposed to refrain from launching Katyushas at the Galilee.

The last Katyusha attack into northern Israel was on December 29, causing damage but no casualties. An attack on November 28 wounded several Israelis and damaged buildings.

US diplomats had previously voiced concern that Syria may seek to heat up the North in a bid to trigger an Israeli reprisal to coincide with the Sharm e-Sheikh follow-up conference in Washington, thereby embarrassing Arab states at the discussions.

In a statement published by his office, Peres said: "Israel this evening requested from the Americans to act with the Syrians and through them with Hizbullah in order to maintain the calm on the northern border. This, following the killing of two Lebanese civilians from the fire of IDF forces."

In separate phone calls to US Secretary of State Warren Christopher, both Foreign Minister Ehud Barak and Ambassador to the US Itamar Rabinovich updated him on the situation. Israeli officials in Washington said the US was expected to ask Syria, either last night or today, not to exacerbate the situation in south Lebanon.

Lebanon meanwhile said it would not halt attacks by Hizbullah against IDF forces in south Lebanon as long as they remained there.

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## Vacation sites in North close; guests asked to leave

DAVID RUDGE

ALL vacation sites, including the Canada Center sports and recreation complex, have been closed and guests staying in hotels and boarding houses have been asked to leave because of the security situation in the North, Metulla local council chairman Yossi Goldberg said last night.

"The confrontation line settlements have been put on emergency status and all necessary precautions have been taken," Goldberg said.

He said the situation in the region in the past few weeks and over the years has cost residents, businesspeople and the local authorities tens of millions of dollars in lost work hours and earnings.

Reports said hotels and guest houses had received dozens of calls from vacationers canceling their Pessah bookings because of the security situation.

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Reuma Weizman (left) admires illustrations Friday for books by Egyptian children's author Afaf Abdul Bari (center) displayed by artist Faridi Awis. The two came to Israel to participate in a program sponsored by Weizman to encourage reading. (Flash 90)

# Reform Movement endorses civil homosexual union, but skirts religious issue

**THE American Reform** rabbinic last week endorsed civil marriages for homosexuals, although it skirted the issue of whether the marriages are religiously sanctioned. The resolution of the rabbinic organization, the Central Conference of American Rabbis, also did not mention rabbinic officiation at same-sex marriages, leaving the measure without practical impact. However, the resolution widened the chasm between the Reform and Conservative movements, which have had an uneasy alliance as both pursue recognition in Israel. Observers noted that the Israeli and American versions of Reform Judaism have different practices, and the Israelis are not bound by the decisions of their American counterparts. Nonetheless, they said, it is increasingly difficult for the Reform movement to make headway in Israel when the Americans seem so "radical." National Religious Party chairman Ze'evulun Hammer said

MARILYN HENRY  
NEW YORK

the conference's decision "is just additional proof that this 'progressive movement' has invented its own modern religion and has pushed itself to the fringes of Judaism." Same-sex marriages are not recognized under civil law in any state, and a number of states have specifically outlawed such unions. Hawaii is considering legislation that would legalize them. The Reform resolution, which was passed by the conference's assembly on Thursday, supports "the right of gay and lesbian couples to share fully and equally in the rights of civil marriage... and oppose[s] governmental efforts to ban gay and lesbian marriage." It paves the way for the conference to vote on single-sex marriage officiation, possibly next year. Conservative rabbis do not perform "commitment

ceremonies." "The question of whether gay and lesbian marriages should be recognized by the state is the issue here," said Rabbi Simeon Maslin, president of the conference. "It has nothing to do with what we consider the religious aspect." Many observers called that "hair-splitting." There are 1.4 million members in the Reform movement. The conference represents 1,750 Reform rabbis. Unlike the Conservative movement, the Reform movement ordains gay and lesbians rabbis, and the issue of same-sex marriage is of great significance to some of the rabbis themselves. Two years ago, the congregational arm of the Reform group, the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, called on government at all levels to provide the means of legally acknowledging "committed lesbian and gay partnerships."

# Protests aim to prevent closure of major cultural institutions

HELEN KAYE

STAGES and concert halls may go dark for a night in protest, but more than a dozen veteran cultural institutions are threatened with permanent closure unless the government honors its budget commitments. "Unless the government acts immediately to honor its 1996 budget commitments, the Israel Philharmonic, the Batsheva Dance Company, the Beersheva and Beit Liessin theaters, the Israel and the Tel Aviv Museum are among many of the country's cultural institutions which may collapse," said attorney Eli Zohar at an emergency meeting at Tel Aviv's Tzavta on Friday. The 1996 target arts budget was NIS 436 million. The actual budget made available to the Arts and Culture Authority (ACA) was NIS 277m, which was immediately cut by NIS 9m. Government funding of all cultural institutions, including libraries, cinema and the plastic arts is 0.1% of the total budget. Zohar, who heads an action committee which convened earlier this month to find a solution to the crisis, has asked for an immediate meeting with Prime Minister Shimon Peres and Finance Minister Avraham Shohat in a final effort to restore the missing funds. "Theaters, dance companies, museums, libraries and our orchestras are fighting to exist, let alone develop. If our cultural institutions go, there is no culture," he stressed. Some 200 people, including the heads of most of the country's cultural institutions, attended the stormy meeting called to discuss ways to force the government to act. Plans include the erecting of a large tent opposite the Knesset to alert the public, lobbying candidates from all parties and even the mass resignation of the entire public arts council.

# Egypt asks US not to send Abu Marzook to Israel

MARILYN HENRY  
NEW YORK

EGYPT has reportedly asked the United States not to extradite Hamas political leader Mousa Mohammed Abu Marzook to Israel, Abu Marzook's lawyer said Friday. The Egyptian Foreign Ministry made the request last week in a letter to the State Department, attorney Stanley Cohen said. The lawyer said he had not seen the letter, which was reported in the newspaper account, Cairo contends that Abu Marzook's extradition could have a

"destabilizing" effect in the region, Cohen said. In its extradition request, Israel said Abu Marzook, head of Hamas' political bureau, was personally linked to several terrorist bombings. He was also alleged to have raised money for Hamas, including funds for arms, and to have overseen the recruitment of terrorists. Abu Marzook, 45, contends that, as head of the political

bureau, he has no authority over Izzadin Kassam, the military wing of Hamas. He has been detained in the US since July. In proceedings in federal court, Cohen argued the defense should be allowed to call former Palestinian spokeswoman Hanan Ashrawi and Palestinian Authority President Yasser Arafat as witnesses for Abu Marzook. The US government has countered that their testimony is irrelevant. The court is expected to rule on the witnesses on April 17.

# Britain hopeful of end to mad cow beef ban

PATRICIA REANEY  
LONDON

BRITAIN held out hope yesterday that a worldwide ban on its beef over fears of Mad Cow disease would be lifted as tens of thousands of workers in the country's beef industry faced job losses. Prime Minister John Major returned from a European summit in Turin buoyed by political support he received from other leaders following a crisis that left Britain's four billion pound (NIS 18 billion) beef industry teetering on the verge of collapse. European farm ministers will meet tomorrow to discuss the ban and a rescue plan involving the slaughter of hundreds of thousands of cattle. Whatever they decide will be contingent on Britain assuring them it has tackled the problem and contamination is no longer a threat. Global alarm was sparked by reports that a fatal brain disorder can jump across species from cattle to people. British scientists say they found an apparent link between bovine spongiform encephalopathy (Mad Cow disease) and its human form,

Creutzfeldt-Jakob disease (CJD) which turns sufferers into spongy-brained dementia victims. But the British government insists beef here is safe, despite a worldwide ban imposed by the European Union. "It is certainly my hope that it (the ban) will be lifted speedily. At this stage we have several ingredients to deal with before we can reach agreement with the commission," Major told reporters. The British leader denied that he had made any deals over his government's policy on Europe because of the beef crisis. "Governments have to deal with crises when they occur. We don't have the luxury of saying we have a program. We can issue press releases, we can denounce the government of the day. We have to deal with events and that is often more difficult," he said in an interview with BBC radio. The international scare over

mad cow diseases erupted after Britain acknowledged on March 20 a likely link between BSE and CJD, its deadly human equivalent. Ten people are thought to have died from an apparently new form of CJD, possibly after eating infected beef. What started out as a scare 10 days ago snowballed into an international panic with countries as far afield as China and Cambodia taking measures to ensure British beef does not enter its borders. The crisis has sent beef prices into a nosedive and has threatened tens of thousands of jobs in the beef industry. The Meat and Livestock Commission, which promotes meat, said more than 250,000 people are employed in various aspects of the beef trade. "Potentially if the right things aren't done soon it could be totally devastating for the industry," Phil Saunders, a spokesman for the commission, told Reuters. "We need to assure people that BSE is being dealt with and not in the meat they are eating." (Reuters)

# Bangladesh parliament dissolved

DHAKA (AP) - Bowing to unrelenting public pressure, Prime Minister Khaleda Zia resigned yesterday and dissolved Parliament for a new election in May. "I am no more the prime minister. I have transferred power constitutionally and I want fresh elections to hold in May," Mrs. Zia told a public rally of more than 50,000 supporters in Dhaka, the Bangladesh capital. Her resignation paved the way for a neutral interim government to supervise fresh elections within 90 days. The main opposition parties had boycotted the national elections held in February. Former Supreme Court Chief Justice Mohammad Habibur Rahman has been invited by the president to form an 11-member Council of Advisors. President Abdur Rahman Biswas ordered the dissolution of Parliament after receiving a written request from the premier. Her letter of resignation was carried to the president by Oti Ahmed, a cabinet minister.

Mrs. Zia agreed this week to step down in favor of a caretaker government to end a two-year standoff with the opposition. Opposition forces had warned Prime Minister Khaleda Zia against trying to cling to power, as public demonstrations - even the electricians in the parliament - mounted pressure on her to quit. Police yesterday fired tear gas to disperse nearly 3,000 protesters outside Dhaka's Central Jail demanding the release of deposed President Hussain Muhammad Ershad. Ershad is serving a 9-year jail term after being convicted for corruption and abuse of power. Eyewitnesses said at least 60 people were injured, including Ershad's wife, Roushan, and former ministers Anwar Hussain Manju and Zafar Imam. They are top leaders of the opposition Jatiya Party. Police said they fired tear gas after the protesters exploded several crude bombs, creating panic

in the area. Reports yesterday said one person was killed in clashes between pro- and anti-government activists in the town of Barisal, 120 km south of Dhaka. Yesterday Biswas formally announced that former chief justice, Mohammad Habibur Rahman, will be the caretaker prime minister until elections are held. Justice Rahman will now appoint 10 advisers to assist him, the president was quoted as saying by BSS news agency. With Mrs. Zia quickly losing control, she abandoned her plan to have one last session of Parliament today. Staff at the parliament building decided to join the 1.3 million civil servants who have responded to the opposition's call not to work, said Mohiuddin Khan Alamgir, spokesman of the Action Council of the Employees of the Republic. "There will be no electricity, no water, no microphones," said a member of the parliament staff.

# Serbia gives Srebrenica witnesses to UN court

SARAJEVO (Reuters) - Serbia has handed over two witnesses to the slaughter of thousands of unarmed Muslim men when Bosnian Serbs overwhelmed the "safe haven" of Srebrenica. The UN war crimes tribunal said yesterday the witnesses were taken into custody in The Hague, where the court sits. Meanwhile Croatia said that Bosnian Croat General Tihomir Blaskic would also surrender to UN prosecutors tomorrow to face war crimes charges. The steps, both taken under American pressure, represented a breakthrough for the war crimes court which has struggled to obtain cooperation from the former warring sides in Bosnia. The witnesses provided by Serbia were former Bosnian Serb Army (BSA) troopers Drazen Erdemovic and Radoslav Kremenovic who told the French newspaper Figaro they took part in the massacre in July 1995.

Erdemovic, a Croat, claimed he was forced to take part in the killing of 1,200 Muslim men, whose bodies were buried in mass graves, or be shot himself. The court said Erdemovic and Kremenovic, a Bosnian Serb, were currently held as witnesses but it did not rule out their facing charges later. They were arrested by Serbia after their Figaro interview and Belgrade authorities said they intended to try them at home in an apparent attempt to prevent them testifying in The Hague. But the US government insisted they be turned over and their evidence is expected to flesh out evidence of the killings which

said to have been obtained by US aerial surveillance. Between 3,000 and 8,000 Srebrenica men are believed to have been killed by the BSA to prevent them rejoining Bosnian government forces elsewhere. Bosnian Serb "president" Radovan Karadzic and BSA commander General Ratko Mladic were also indicted by the court but have eluded arrest.

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# AMERICAN OUTLOOK

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## Is an election-year budget deal in works?

BY ROBERT NOVAK

Senate Republican Whip Trent Lott has received a call from Dick Morris, his former campaign consultant and President Clinton's current chief strategist, with this message: Let's make a budget deal.

Morris is not a detail man, and he did not specify how the deal could be forged. But his call to Lott set off speculation all over Capitol Hill that the White House might be willing to make sufficient compromises for an election-year agreement.

That fits the Clinton-Morris strategy of pre-empting the balanced budget issue from the Republicans. The president is now talking about deficit-reduction as much or more than GOP lawmakers.

### DON'T BASH PAT!

Sen. John McCain of Arizona, an influential member of Sen. Bob Dole's presidential campaign high command, strongly recommended that the bashing of Pat Buchanan come to an end.

On the morning of the Midwestern primaries, McCain attended the Dole campaign steering committee meeting and urged that the time had come to make peace and not war with Buchanan and his followers. Later that day, Buchanan showed his strength by attracting independent and Democratic voters in the Michigan and Wisconsin primaries.

Dole's disinclination to go to Buchanan for support, hat in hand, was reflected that night on ABC's "Nightline." Noting that he had won 25 straight primaries against Buchanan, Dole said: "It would seem to me that I'm the fairly clear winner in this contest, and it would seem to me that he'd be saying, 'What can I do to help, Bob?'"

### CONSERVATIVE CIVIL WAR

Much of the conservative movement has turned against freshman Rep. Linda Smith of Washington state, who won the 1994 Republican nomination with a write-in vote supported by the Christian right. The reason: her campaign finance reform bill.

Conservative activist Paul Weyrich, who first urged Smith to run for the state legislature in 1982, in his commentary over National Empowerment Television, accused her of breaking her word. He said she has reneged on her promise to "be as tough on the unions" as on other political action committees. Smith told this columnist that she was seeking a bill that "everyone is comfortable with" and indicated that House members would get a chance to include unions.

"She has been co-opted by the unions and Common Cause," said Weyrich. National Right-to-Life and other conservative organizations also are opposing Smith, as is the House Republican leadership.

### GOP-STYLE DEMOCRATS

The probability that a Republican-backed Democrat will represent the traditional Democratic stronghold of El Paso, Texas, in Congress has deepened Democrats' concerns about a new GOP strategy.

Rep. Martin Frost, chairman of the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee, fears that Republicans are intervening to nominate conservative Democrats in districts where their own party has no chance to win. Two examples: in El Paso, former Border Patrol chief Silvestre Reyes to replace retiring liberal Rep. Ron Coleman; in San Diego, Calif., city councilman Jose Vargas challenging liberal Rep. Bob Filner.

In the Texas primary March 12, Reyes ran 14 percentage points ahead of ex-Coleman aide Jose Luis Sanchez, whom he faces in the April 9 runoff primary. Reyes has courted Republicans to cross over into the Democratic primary and is supported by prominent El Paso Republicans. Ron Pate, his campaign treasurer, played that role in 1994 for the GOP congressional nominee against Coleman.

### TERM-LIMIT POLITICS

The national term-limit movement, quietly operating underneath the political radar, sent out 400,000 pieces of mail in Illinois to contribute to the stunning upset of Lt. Gov. Bob Kustra for the Republican senatorial nomination.

Kustra, backed by Gov. Edgar and the state Republican establishment, was defeated by state Rep. Al Salvi in one of the great political surprises in Illinois political history. Besides support from anti-abortion, anti-gun control and anti-tax forces, Salvi won backing from the preponderance of Republican voters who support term limits.

Salvi signed the U.S. term limits pledge to support a restriction of three House terms and two Senate terms and pledged personally to serve no more than two terms in the Senate, even if no limits are adopted. When Kustra declined to make such pledges, Americans for Limited Terms launched its mail campaign. That warns Republican candidates who try to fudge on this issue.

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# The message

## Negotiating an end to terrorism

BY ALAN DERSHOWITZ

As the civilized world focuses its attention on the horrors of terrorism and tries to pinpoint blame, it forgets to look in the mirror. The primary culprits are the United Nations, numerous respected church groups, including the Vatican, and most Western governments. It was they who welcomed and even honored Yassir Arafat while he was still directing terrorist murders against babies, women, old people, diplomats and air travelers. It was they who legitimated terrorism as an acceptable means toward the end of "national liberation." It was they who sent a message to youthful fanatics that their murderous acts, targeting the most vulnerable civilians, could be seen as heroism.

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Who can ever forget the welcome Arafat received from the United Nations, shortly after he had ordered the slaughter of Jewish babies at Ma'alot and shortly before he was to order the murder of more innocents around the world? Who can ever forget the praise heaped upon Arafat by numerous Christian church groups and the way he was welcomed at the Vatican? Who can forget the honors bestowed upon this cowardly killer by governments such as Austria, France and Spain?

### PEACE

The young suicide bombers who are now menacing the peace process certainly do not for-

get. They have it hammered into them by radical Islamic fundamentalist leaders who believe that they too will someday be honored as Arafat has been. Perhaps they, too, will someday share the Nobel Peace Prize, as Arafat did, when he decided that terrorism was no longer a useful tactic for achieving a Palestinian state. Bestowing a peace prize on a terrorist for halting his terrorism after slaughtering thousands, would be like giving a law-and-order award to Charles Manson if he announced that he no longer believed in Helter Skelter murder.

Even President Clinton, in his speech at the Egyptian anti-terrorism summit, sent an unfortunate mixed message when he said to terrorists "You will not succeed; your day has passed." This formulation suggests that perhaps there was an appropriate day for terrorism in the past and that perhaps there will be another appropriate day in the future. Moreover, according to an article in the *Wall Street Journal*, the president has invited to the White House the executive director of the American Muslim Council, who - according to terrorism expert Steven Emerson - "champions and represents Hamas," the very group who claims credit for the massacres in Israel. As Seif Ashmawy, the Muslim publisher of *The Voice of Peace*, put it: "The American Muslim Council is a radical group that supports radical Islamic terrorist movements. I am shocked and outraged that the White House would embrace them."

Terrorism will not end so long as the civilized world continues to speak out of both sides of its mouth about it. Until the civilized world - governments, churches, the Nobel Prize Committee, universities and the media - unconditionally condemn terrorism against innocent civilians, it will continue. No person who has ever partaken in terrorism should ever be honored by decent people, no matter what they have done since. The message must be clear and unambiguous: Terrorists and terrorism are forever beyond the pale of civilization.

This does not mean that terrorists - past or even present - should not be negotiated with. We negotiate with hostage takers, murderers and all other manner of evil. But there is a difference between negotiating with a terrorist and honoring one. As a society, we have failed to understand, and act on, that important distinction. The honors we bestow on "reformed" terrorists

like Arafat send a dangerous message to current and potential terrorists: namely, that there is a time for terrorism and a time to stop it. This message, however, treats terrorism as a tactical, rather than as a moral concern. This is precisely the wrong message to be sending if we really want to rid our world forever of the relatively recent scourge of terrorism.

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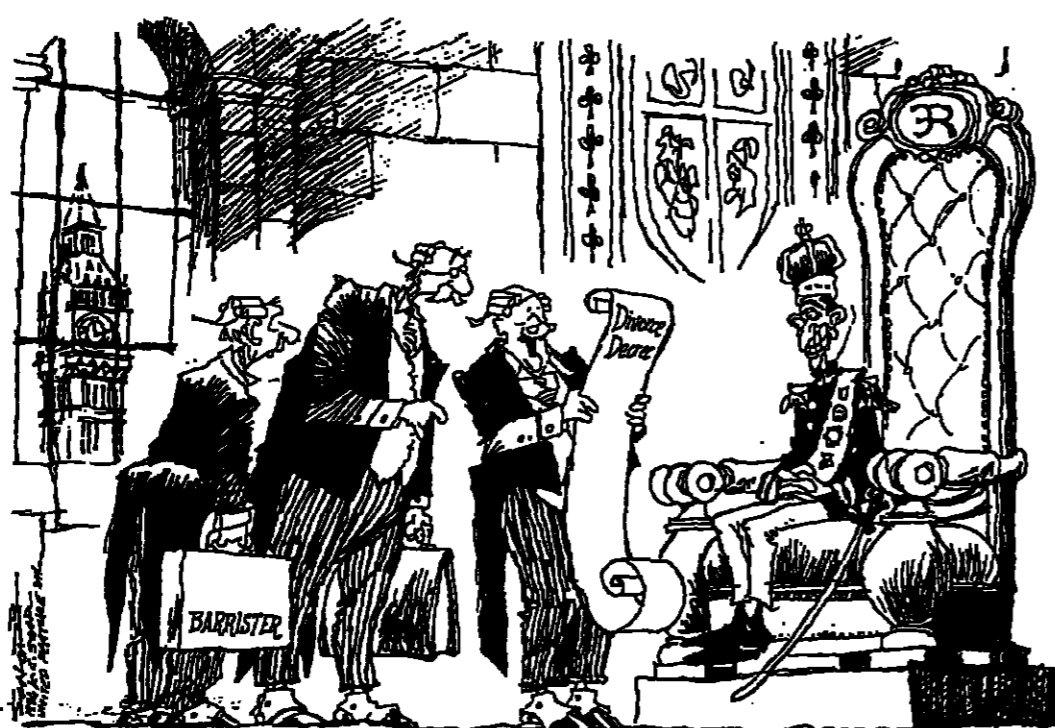
President Clinton should be applauded for convening the Egyptian anti-terrorism summit and for his strong support of Israel's efforts to counter terrorism while persisting in the search for peace. But so long as Islamic fundamentalist preachers continue to instill in young zealots a desire to die for the honor of murdering Jews, suicide bombers will continue on their false road to heaven with dynamite strapped to their bodies. We must come up with a way to dishonor terrorists and their surviving families. Responsible religious leaders of all faiths, but especially of the various Islamic faiths, must tell these young murderers that they and those who support them are destined for the lowest rungs of hell and disgrace. Equally important is never to bestow any secular honors on a terrorist. It may be too late to take back the many honors already bestowed on Yassir Arafat, but if one change comes about as a result of the anti-terrorism summit, it should be a collective resolve on the part of the entire civilized world never again to honor a terrorist.

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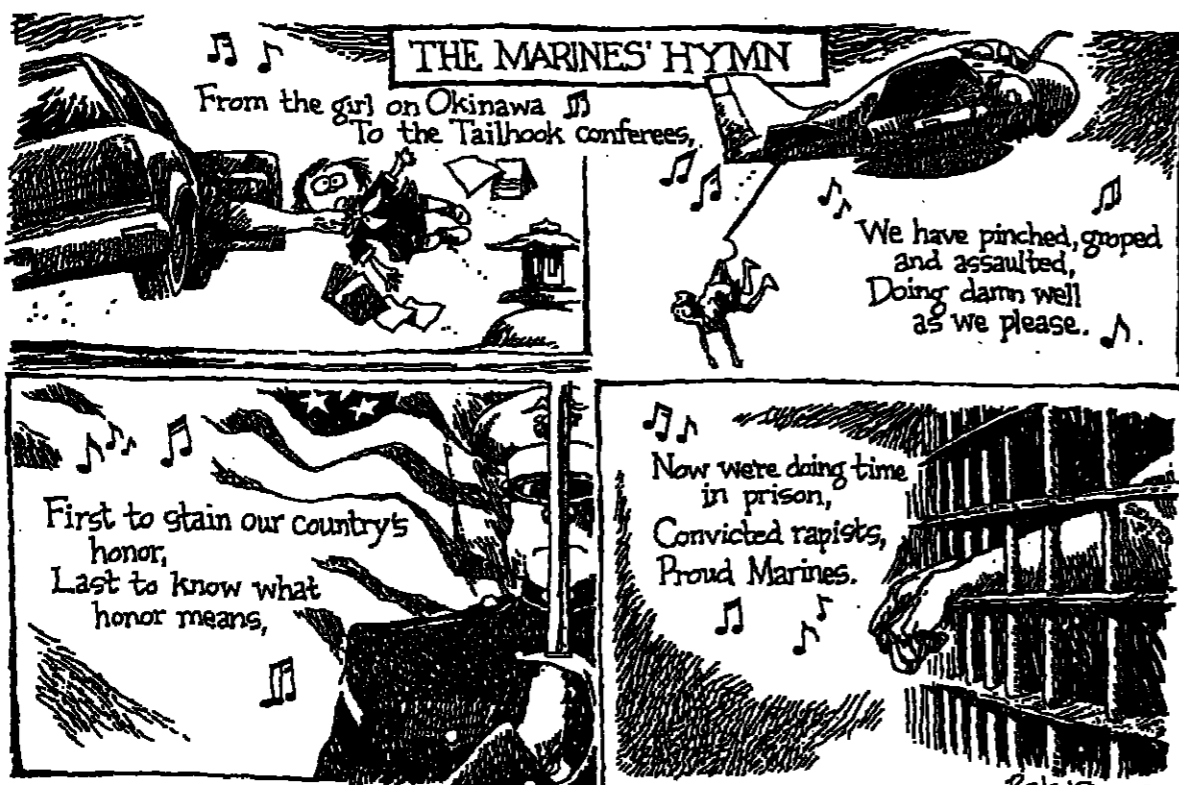
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# EDITORIAL CARTOONS

Fast Times



"SHE GETS TO KEEP THE KIDS, THE CASTLE, AND HER TITLE... AND YOU GET NORTHERN IRELAND..."



# Doling it out

BY PETER BEINART

By the time you read this, Bob Dole may already have broken the law. Candidates who take federal matching funds can only spend \$37 million in this year's primary, and Dole campaign manager Scott Reed has predicted his man will hit the limit by the Rustbelt primaries on March 19. So will Dole go home to the Watergate and forget all that annoying "why I want to be president" stuff until San Diego? Maybe take in a subcommittee meeting or two? Not exactly.

Just as the Dole campaign officially grinds to a halt, various Republican do-gooders will create organizations with names like "Americans for Freedom" or "Citizens for the Future" to spend money on Bob Dole's behalf. Of course, they won't be doing it at the Dole campaign's behest, because that would be illegal. And they won't run ads saying "vote for Bob Dole," because that, too, would be illegal. No, their ads will simply "educate" voters about Bill Clinton, as did the pro-Bush pedagogues who "independently" produced the Willie Horton ad against Michael Dukakis in 1988.

Yet some of these K Street Samaritans will probably employ swap money or do lunch with people who actually work for Bob Dole - in violation of federal election law. And then? Will the machinery of American justice spring into action, exposing Dole's political carcass for opponents and the press to feast on through the rest of the election year? Not exactly, because in cases such as these American justice is represented by the Federal Election Commission.

Faced with the corrupting influence of money in American politics, Perotian populists, high-minded conservatives, anti-system leftists, outraged militia members, renaissance Mugwumps and just about everyone else demand new election laws. Bill Bradley is filling the nation's op-ed pages with calls to reverse the 1976 Supreme Court decision Buckley v. Valeo, which makes it unconstitutional to impose mandatory limits on campaign spending. Paul Taylor, a talented former Washington Post reporter, has ditched journalism for a Tolstoyan crusade to get the networks to provide free air time. Congresswoman Linda Smith and her allies on the "black helicopter" right are donning war paint for a frontal assault on political action committees. But the 1974 law reg-

ulating presidential primary campaigns isn't that bad. It provides strong financial incentives for contenders to accept spending limits (all the 1996 candidates worth less than \$400 million did so), and it allows independent groups to spend money that indirectly helps whomever they choose, which would be fine - if they really were independent. The problem isn't the law, but the law enforcer: the FEC.

Consider what the commission did the last time it got word of the Dole Gang's shenanigans. During Dole's 1988 campaign, a PAC called Campaign America, ostensibly unrelated to the Dole for President organization, colluded with it to exceed spending limits in Iowa and New Hampshire. The FEC levied fines. Five years later, and Dole was unlucky. In that same election, backers of George Bush set up the Fund for America's Future (again, note the eerily insipid name), whose spending, since it occurred before Bush had officially decided to run, did not count against election limits. Although a Democrat on the commission said that "only someone just alighting from a UFO" could believe that the fund wasn't promoting Bush's candidacy, the FEC took no action. A 1990 Twentieth Century Fund report declared, "The FEC has failed. It has neither the will nor the means to deter wanton violators, who sometimes ridicule openly the commission's weakness. It has interpreted the law so permissively that special interest groups may funnel money to candidates practically without limit if they wish."

Why doesn't the FEC do a better job? Because it's beholden to the people it regulates. The Senate confirms the commission's six presidential appointees, but since three must be Democrats and three Republicans, they're essentially chosen by party bosses. In 1993, for instance, Dole wrote to the White House suggesting it renominate GOP commissioner Lee Ann Elliott to a third term. But, as Roll Call and the Center for Responsive Politics noted, only three weeks earlier, while she was lobbying for renomination, Elliott had participated in an FEC "conciliation agreement" with the Dole campaign on its 1988 violations. The implication was clear: commission members are not independent from the congressional leaders who select them. As a result, the FEC often deadlocks along party lines, and candidates from both sides of the aisle get off lightly.

Not only does Congress try to

keep the commissioners pliant, it denies them the means to investigate properly. Over the years, Congress has banned the FEC from acting on anonymous information, outlawed IRS-style random inspections and cut its staff. The result is that FEC investigations take forever. The Christian Science Monitor reported that an inquiry into Mark Weinberg, a California man who donated \$45,000 (\$44,000 more than the legal limit) to Alan Cranston's 1984 presidential campaign took over five years, although Weinberg admitted his guilt from the beginning.

In 1993, President Clinton's campaign finance reform plan included provisions allowing the FEC's general counsel to act independently of its political appointees. The Heritage Foundation predictably denounced the proposal for empowering "a career bureaucrat," but this was the whole point. If the commission is to effectively enforce campaign law, it must be insulated from the people it regulates. An even more important reform, that Clinton didn't introduce, would allow the FEC to issue injunctions against illegal spending during a campaign, while the wrongdoing still matters politically.

The Clinton plan, which also proposed voluntary spending limits and public financing for congressional campaigns, died a quick and painful death. (Ironically, some Republicans argued that since existing campaign regulations weren't well-enforced, it was foolhardy to propose new ones.) But with populist winds sweeping through Washington once again, a renewed campaign reform effort is underway, led by Linda Smith, Christopher Shays and Martin Meehan in the House and Russell Feingold, John McCain and Fred Thompson in the Senate. Most commentators have focused on the legislation's ban on PACs, its cap on out-of-state donations and its voluntary spending limits for congressional campaigns. But buried in the bill are "miscellaneous provisions" - for surprise FEC audits and on-the-spot injunctions - which may have more impact than the high-profile clauses that overshadow them. The bill's sponsors should make these FEC reforms an integral part of their crusade. Perhaps they can push them through while Bob Dole is still out campaigning.

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## Bob Dole on Compassion.

**Calvin Coolidge. Herbert Hoover. Franklin Roosevelt. Harry Truman. Dwight Eisenhower. John Kennedy. Lyndon Johnson. Richard Nixon. Gerry Ford. Jimmy Carter. Ronald Reagan. George Bush. Bill Clinton.**

**Since I was born, 13 other guys got to be president. Why not me?**

MY SOLEMN PROMISE: I WON'T RUN AGAIN.



**BOB DOLE: IT'S HIS TURN. IT'S HIS LAST CHANCE.**



SUNDAY COMICS

**Doonesbury**  
G. B. TRUDEAU

WHAT WILL I SAY TO THEM?  
THEY'RE JUST CHILDREN!  
I'm home, Liz.  
Liz: I know! I've been calling you all day! Where are you?  
Mike finally agreed to meet my friends.  
Wait a minute. Your browser boyfriend is voluntarily assisting with your five day-a-week household chores? No way!  
What can I tell you girl-friend? I don't think I can love you!  
Not even.  
Even. And here's my amazing partner who's actually holding his own.  
TELL US AGAIN ABOUT THE '90s AND '91s!  
IT WAS A TIME OF REAL ENLIGHTENMENT. GUY THROUGHOUT THE '90s WAS THE '90s BOSS. HE WAS THE '90s BOSS.

**PEANUTS**  
Schulz

SOMETIMES I LIE AWAKE AT NIGHT, AND I THINK...  
...OR I SORT OF ASK...  
I MEAN, I LIE HERE IN THE DARK, AND...  
WOOF!  
OR ELSE, I JUST LIE AWAKE, AND I WONDER, OR...  
...OR I ASK...  
AND THEN THIS VOICE COMES TO ME THAT SAYS...  
"YOU HAVE A DOG... BE HAPPY!"

**STUPID**  
By Jeff Meyer

YOU'RE ONLY AS YOUNG AS YOU FEEL.  
AS YOUNG AS YOUR FEEL.  
I FEEL OLD.  
BALONEY.  
AGE IS A STATE OF MIND.  
YEAH, WELL, I FEEL IT IN OTHER PLACES, TOO.  
ESPECIALLY IN THE MORNING.  
I FEEL IT IN MY SOCC.  
WELL, I FEEL IT IN THE JOINTS.  
PARTICULARLY IN THE JOINT.

**Calvin and Hobbes**  
WILSON

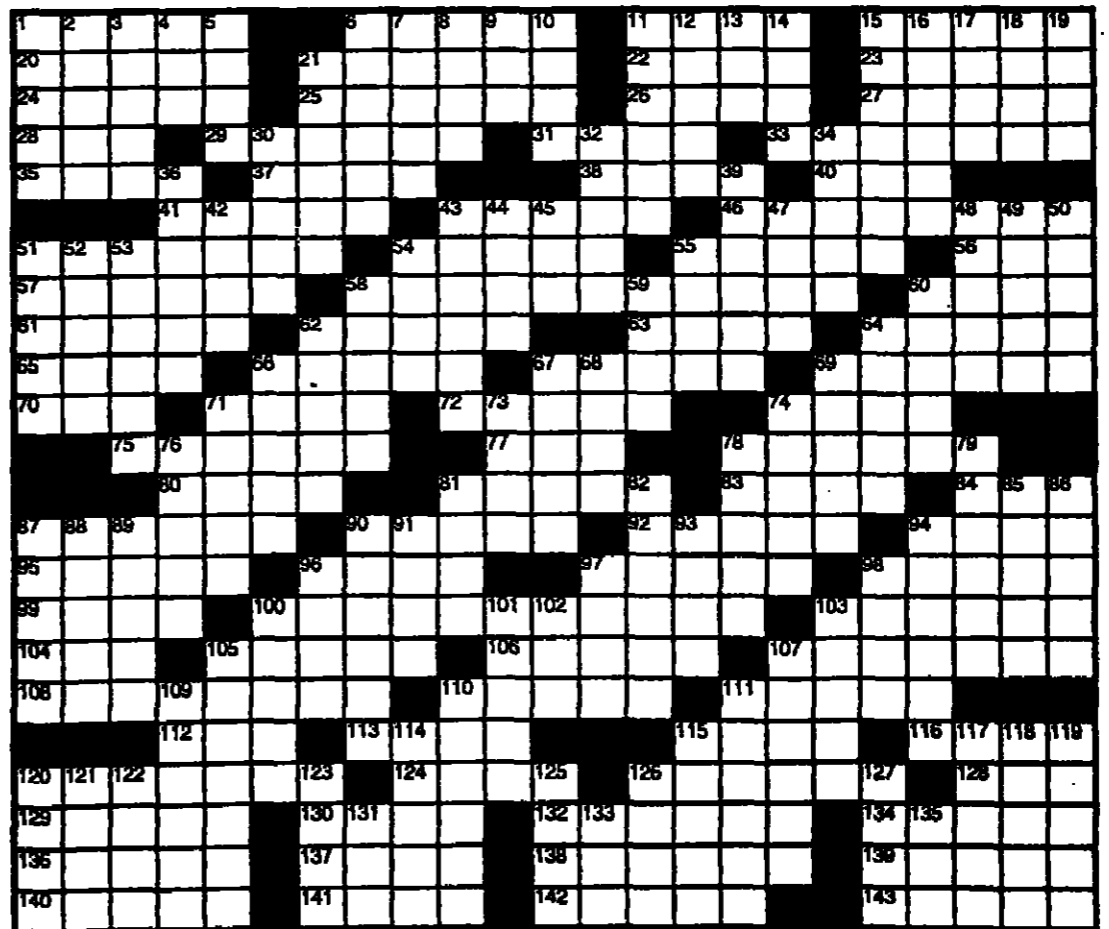
WELL, THAT'S SHOWING A LITTLE FORESIGHT FOR ONCE. GOOD FOR YOU.  
I'M TAKING THE UMBRELLA OUTSIDE.  
SMASH!  
YOU REALLY THINK THIS WILL WORK?  
OF COURSE! LET'S GO!  
BONK BONK BONK  
LOOK! I'M FLYING!  
I HAD MY EYES SHUT. HOW WAS IT?  
GREAT! WHAT A RIDE! LET'S GET SOME OTHER KIDS AND CHANGE 'EM!

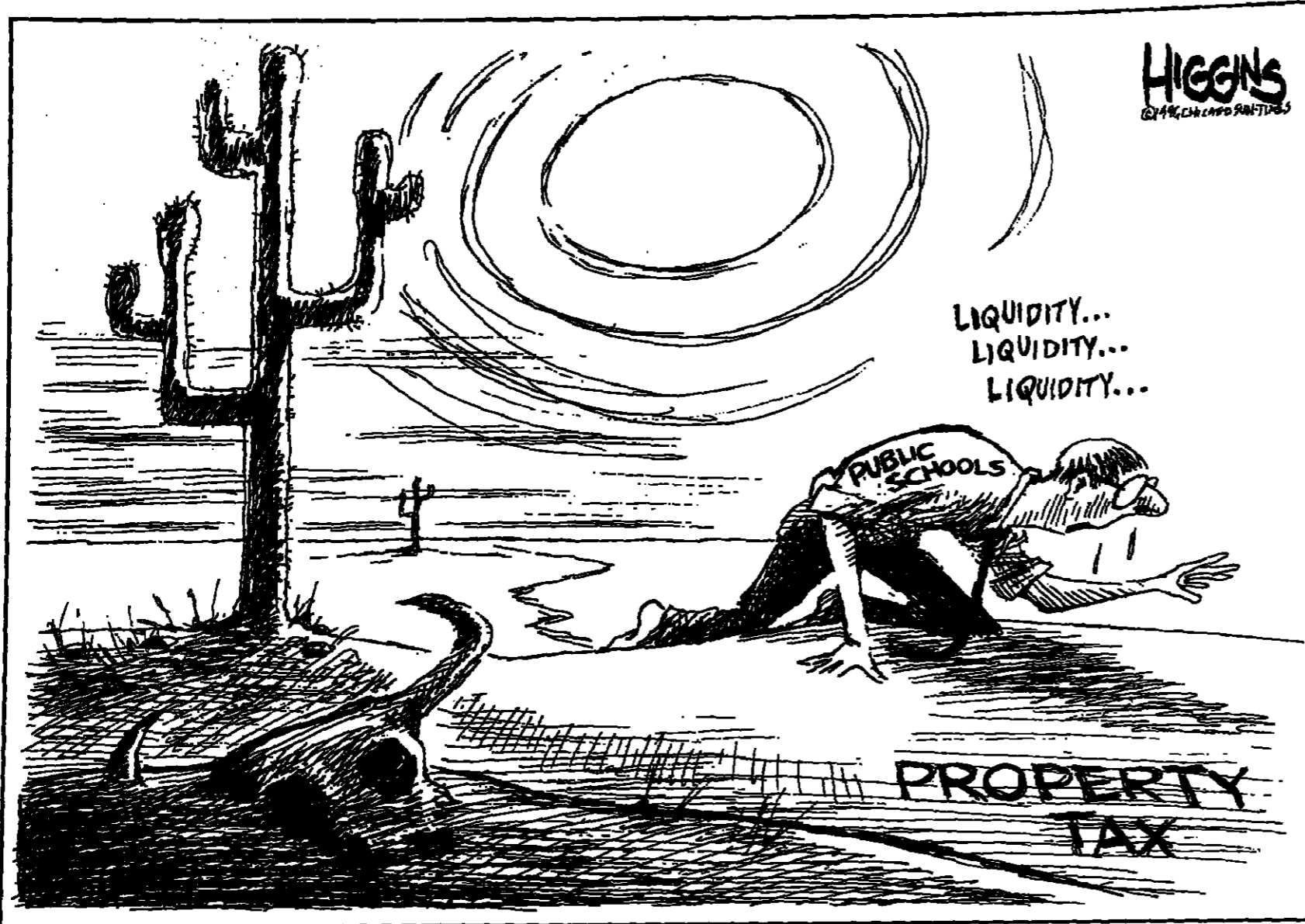
**JOHNNY HART**

ARE YOU LISTENING, GOD?  
FAITH IS KNOWING YOU'RE NOT JUST TALKING TO A ROCK...  
IT'S NOT EASY TO BELIEVE IN YOU, GOD... WE NEVER SEE YOU.  
HOW COME YOU NEVER SHOW YOURSELF?  
HOW DO WE KNOW YOU EVEN EXIST...  
LOOM  
SPLASH  
OKAY, OKAY...  
I GIVE UP!  
EVERYTIME I BRING UP THE SUBJECT, ALL WE GET IS INTERRUPTIONS!

TODAY'S SUNDAY PUZZLE

- ACROSS**
- Fred's wife
  - Type of stitch
  - Also, California
  - out behave irrationally
  - Coarsest
  - Telephoned
  - Length times width
  - Actor Peter —
  - Warning sound
  - Deena
  - Portnoy's creator
  - Kate's roommate
  - Paris season
  - Thoroughfare
  - Actor Arlen
  - Dirty
  - Capone's nemesis
  - Road to Rome
  - Dutch cheese
  - Highest card
  - 41 Parts
  - Singer Patsy —
  - 48 Surround
  - "The Blue Danube" composer
  - Dupe
  - Burglar's Motif —
  - Part of a journey
  - Pray
  - Type on every other line
  - 60 Bacc or Anjou
  - New York city
  - Wilkes —, Pennsylvania
  - Choose
  - Sweet
  - Top-notch
  - Popular newspaper name
  - French river
  - Word after tea or snack
  - 70 Thru; Ital.
  - Mexican coin
  - Adhesive ingredient
- DOWN**
- Assistant
  - Actor Timothy —
  - Conat
  - In dreamland
  - 80 Caution
  - Mrs. Near
  - Constant Altone
  - Crucis, New Mexico
  - Beach shelter
  - Stage offering
  - Sey
  - Take a chance
  - Inactive
  - Pack light
  - Old anesthetic
  - Chopped fine
  - Clamping tool
  - 100 Hid the faults of
  - Having times
  - Judge Lance —
  - Relinquish
  - Actress Susan —
  - Barlander's appliances
  - Attack verbally
  - 102 Close oil
  - "Ethan —"
  - Craft
  - Steak order
  - 115 Listen to
  - Tenant's expense
  - Headed the bill
  - Scarlet's home
  - Creation of Edgar Rice Burroughs
  - Montana or Marsh
  - firms
  - Metrical foot
  - Veer
  - Correct
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  - 137 Identical; Fr.
  - Singer Sheena —
  - Sped
  - English mvt or slack
  - Musical sound
  - Fall cover
  - Military student
  - Aquarium fish
- ACROSS**
- Cash; slang
  - Did a logging job
  - Mid-distance runner
  - Factory
  - Impromptu dance
  - Jacob's son
  - Cognizant
  - Predecessor
  - Call
  - Chess or checkers
  - Composer
  - Mountain crest
  - Passover feast
  - Pole
  - Elberg or O'Day
  - Broom made of twigs
  - Bus-company employee
  - Appraise
  - At that time
  - Meal
  - IOU, a.g.
  - That Sp.
  - Par —
  - Garbage
  - H<sub>2</sub>O
  - Penic penit
  - Plant life
  - Guarantee
  - Bold
  - Not productive
  - Ready for plowing
  - Food plant
  - Hero's soul
  - Author Bret —
  - Throw out
  - Group of nine
  - Stuffed bear
  - Printer's decoration
  - Eye drop
  - Comedian — Johnson
  - Food plant
  - On the Caspian
  - Exam
  - Ornament
  - In the past
  - Used to be
  - Sac cocktail





# Red alert during the aftermath

BY TERENCE WRONG

With the conclusion of the international conference on terrorism last week, the American media turned their attention back to stories on Dole and downsizing, deciding that this round of suicide bombings in Israel had run its course. But for Israelis, frightened into staying at home, and Palestinians, under a curfew so tight that at times it resembled house arrest, life was anything but back to normal.

A "Condition Red" security warning remains in effect throughout Israel. Despite the tightest closure order ever imposed on the West Bank and Gaza Strip, Israel's internal security service, the Shin Bet, believes at least one suicide bomber is still on the loose. Early last week, two Palestinians armed with explosives were arrested near Hebron while awaiting orders to explode themselves.

The Shin Bet was raking heat even before the latest bombings. Critics within Israel's large security establishment attacked the timing and publicity surrounding its assassination of Yahya Ayyash ("the Engineer"), the founder of Hamas's suicide bombers. Ayyash's head was blown apart when he answered a jury-rigged cell phone packed with plastic explosives. The critics say that the Shin Bet's eagerness to take credit for the operation was, at best, clumsy. A former Mossad agent put it this way: "The Shin Bet rushed to the Israeli media to say, 'Yes we did it and here's how' so naturally Hamas said, 'Oh, fine, the Israelis are admitting it, now how many Jews should we kill?'"

The former Mossad agent says the assassination's timing was a calculated career move by Carmi Gilon, the Shin Bet's retiring chief. Gilon bore the brunt of the blame for failing to anticipate or prevent the Rabin assassination. Knocking off Ayyash was a way for him to depart on an upbeat note. It worked. Recently, Gilon was named director of Tel Aviv's new subway project. It would have been more ironic had Gilon followed the path of his predecessor, Yaacov Perry: he moved into the private sector as the head of CELLKOM, a cell phone company.

The Shin Bet's new boss is Ami Ayalon, an ex-Navy commander. After the bombings, the prime minister put him in charge of a special inter-service, anti-terror command. Handing this job to a Shin Bet man has made

Shimon Peres's already cool relations with army intelligence even cooler. The army blames the Shin Bet for failing to provide adequate "real-time" intelligence on Hamas and Islamic Jihad. Shin Bet, say army sources, relied too heavily on Yasir Arafat's security service and not enough on its own informers, whose numbers have fallen since Arafat assumed control of Gaza.

## If Arafat does not crush Hamas and stop the bombings, few doubt that Israeli forces will enter the Gaza Strip.

The bitter truth is that there are no quick fixes. Security officials know that there is no effective way to stop a determined suicide bomber. Ask any of the nine policemen who happened to be within 50 yards of the Dizengoff bomber when he exploded himself. Moreover, the bombers have become more difficult to detect. There is evidence they are donning disguises to look like Israelis. When the Dizengoff bomber's severed head was located, it turned out that he had dyed his hair blond. In the Ashkelon bombing on February 25, the bomber wore an Israeli army uniform and an earring in the fashion of many young Israelis.

If Arafat does not crush Hamas and stop the bombings, few doubt that Israeli forces will enter the Gaza Strip. Three weeks ago, Israeli chief of staff Amnon Shahak gave Arafat a list of the 13 Hamas militants Israel believes are responsible for the bombings. Thus far, the top six on the list have not been detained. The most important of these is the Engineer's successor, Mohammed Dief, the alleged organizer of the latest attacks. Yet reliable Palestinian sources report seeing Dief at prayers in a mosque in the Gazan city of Khan Yunis last week. The Shin Bet knows it is unlikely the Palestinian police will arrest Dief.

But it is more than just personal ties that keep Hamas militants at large. Arafat has always been a master of smoke and mirrors, appearing to be doing something without actually doing much of anything. As for his Hamas problem, a Shin Bet analyst says, Arafat needs to appear to be cracking down without actually wrecking his working relationship with the

group. Last December, in Cairo, Arafat and Hamas reached a formal understanding that neither side would seek to undermine the other. Arafat has even appointed several Hamas figures to high-level positions in the Palestinian authority. Now under pressure to close Hamas down, Arafat pretends there are two parts to Hamas: a "political wing" and a "military wing," the so-called Izzedine al-Qassam Brigades that have claimed credit for the bombings in leaflets. It is a variation of the old good cop-bad cop routine. While the Palestinian police search for the bad bombers of Izzedine al-Qassam, Arafat treats Hamas's public face, leaders like Mahmood al-Zahar, as opposition politicians, detaining them briefly in comfortable barracks. But this strategy is dubious even on its own terms. Arafat claims he has posted orders outlawing the Izzedine al-Qassam Brigades, but no one in the Palestinian Authority could produce such a document when asked.

Palestinian and Israeli sources say there is no split within Hamas. What there is, says Ehud Ya'ari of Israeli Television, is "about 50 guys or so who carry out the violence and are known to everyone in Hamas and are part of the organization." Brigadier General Ya'acov Amidror of army intelligence says Arafat could shut down Hamas in a week if he had a mind to. He may not have much longer than that to do so.

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# Spy vs. spy

BY JOSEPH FINDER

Unless you're an intelligence junkie, you probably missed a leak that surfaced in the press last year about a brand-new intelligence agency called the DHS, or Defense Humint Service ("humint," means human intelligence, the information gathered by spies). The new venture, it seemed, was actually a merger of the various human-intelligence operations that for decades had been fragmented among the various armed services, mostly the Army. Nothing new here. DHS sources insist. But that's not quite true.

We are, I think, witnessing the beginnings of a significant shift in the decades-long bureaucratic war between the CIA and the Department of Defense. You no longer hear much about the proposals made by Senator Daniel Patrick Moynihan and others, in the months after the Soviet empire crumbled, to disband the CIA. Instead, we're witnessing the slow and steady erosion of the once-powerful agency, to the benefit of the Pentagon. And this may turn out to be even worse than the admittedly unsatisfactory situation we've got now.

Flushed with victory after Desert Storm, its prestige enhanced by the Bosnia operations, the Defense Department has become a ferocious antagonist of the Aldrich Ames-weakened CIA. "The CIA's on its knees," one former director of Central Intelligence told me, "and everyone's piling on." The Pentagon may soon be taking over a massive new intelligence imagery agency, subsuming the CIA's vaunted National Photo Interpretation Center.

To those intelligence apparatchiks who keep score (which means almost all of them), *The Washington Post* got it exactly right when it headlined a recent report on the DOD's new power, "PENTAGON GAINING TURF FROM THE CIA." Yet what kind of turf war can it be if CIA Director John Deutch supports the recent shifts of CIA responsibilities to Defense?

True or not, the Defense Humint Service represents the Pentagon's assault on the CIA's historic monopoly over the clandestine collection of intelligence.

Using case officers with non-official cover (NOCs, they're called) is once again in vogue, particularly in Congress. The trouble is, it's enormously expensive to place NOCs in the field. It's difficult to find people who are experienced in the cover job, it takes a lot of money to set up these dummy companies, and it's tricky to manage them. And it's politically risky these days, particularly as the U.S. increasingly collects information on countries that are, or were, friendly.

The Department of Defense controls at least 80 percent of the \$20-billion intelligence budget. According to recent figures, the Pentagon has some 13,000 intelligence analysts, compared to 1,500 at the CIA.

The CIA has faced ferocious opposition from the military over its presumptive monopoly on the clandestine collection business since its earliest days. But now the Defense Department not only has the resources to do its own snooping, it has a rationale: the CIA is no good at military intelligence.

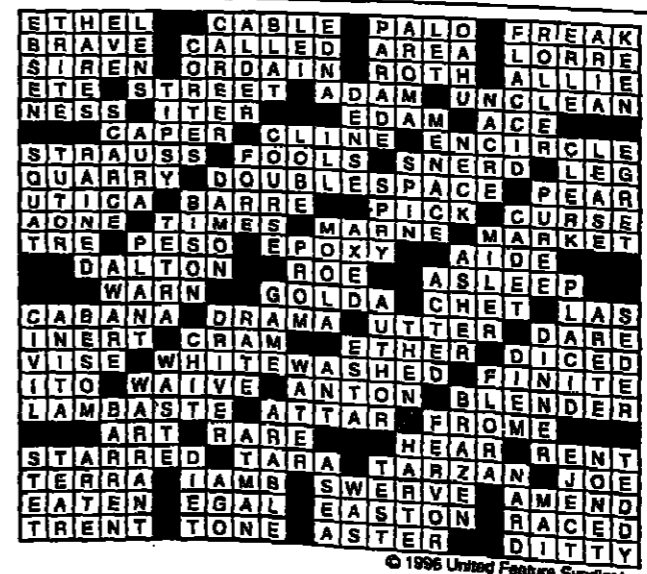
Supporters of the new Defense Humint Service argue that all sorts of controls are in place now, that Yellow Fruit couldn't happen again, and they may be right. Yet it's hard to imagine that any information clandestinely gathered by the military won't be filtered through the military policy apparatus, skewed in favor of whatever spending priority the Secretary of Defense happens to favor. And those who are wary of the CIA's activities around the world should be twice as wary of the much lower-profile, much more secretive — and historically less accountable — Department of Defense.

The DHS's defenders, in Congress and in the Pentagon, argue that only a tiny portion of its roughly 1,000 personnel will be involved in clandestine collection — 20 percent or so, for now. They compare this to the 4,500 in the CIA's Operations Directorate (though fewer than 1,000 of them are covert operatives who recruit and handle secret agents overseas). We're a small operation, the DHS people say. Anyway, it's a new world, the cold war is over, and we've got to restructure the intelligence community. The CIA was created to fight the Soviet Union, and now the evil empire is gone.

No doubt we need to make serious changes in the way America collects intelligence — we've needed to do so for decades already — but it's a grave error to base those changes on a myth, even a convenient one. The CIA after all, was not founded to combat the Soviet Union. It was created by the National Security Act of 1947, in a bold attempt to respond to, and remedy, the chaos in which American intelligence found itself during World War II — the endless turf battles between the Army and the Navy, the fractured intelligence system. And now, fifty years later, we're once again trying to reinvent American intelligence, and it looks like we're also about to reinvent the same mistakes.

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'Black Saturday' in Palestine



A bug's eye view of an African violet. Photo inspired by Freeman Patterson. (David Brauner)

A bouquet of photography observations

NOW that spring is nearly upon us, it's time to clear away some of the misinformation and misconceptions that have collected since the winter and replace them with some new observations. On April 22, Eastman Kodak, in cooperation with four major Japanese companies, is launching its Advanced Photo System in the US, Japan, and selected European countries. APS might better stand for amateur photo system. The system is intended to be fool-proof. APS uses digital technology to store information that will compensate for human error and its 24-mm film marks the beginning of the end for the 72-year-old 35-mm standard. Five years in development at a cost of \$1 billion, APS is projected to reverse flagging worldwide camera sales, which have declined by half since 1981. Manufacturers are bringing out a whole new line of compatible cameras, costing 20-30 percent more on average. Shmuel Schwartz of Jerusalem's Photo Marketing Association's International Convention and Trade Show in Las Vegas in February, reports that "APS will appear on the Israeli market in a few months." Closer to home, photographers can now rent a professional studio by the hour. Tel Aviv's Studio Rembrandt, which opened on March 1, is equipped with flash and spot lighting, backdrops and props. Photographers can practice glamour, fashion, and still-life photography under ideal condi-

ON CAMERA DAVID BRAUNER tions both indoors and outdoors. Studio Rembrandt can also supply models and a make-up artist. A darkroom with two black-and-white enlargers is also available. For rates and further details call Moshe Taub at (03) 518-3512. Battery prices in Israel are high because of the added 125% customs and tax. So assuming one stocks up on batteries when abroad, how are they best stored? All batteries may be refrigerated, but never freeze them. Freezing can cause leakage and even rupturing. Refrigerated batteries need an hour to come to room temperature. That extra film is reaching its expiration date. Can film life be extended beyond the expiration date? Both amateur and professional films may be refrigerated or frozen in food storage bags to cut down on shifts in color balance, but not to extend life beyond the expiration date. Allow frozen film one and a half hours to thaw. IN A sneak preview of their Dead Sea workshops in February and March, world-renowned nature photographers Freeman Patterson and Colla Swart presented an informal slide show upon their arrival in Israel. Canadian-born Patterson's photography-as-philosophy approach seeks and finds new ways to photograph the most ordinary things in nature. The author of seven photography books said, "We're so locked into whatever height we've grown to be. That height

becomes the sacred height, and God forbid that the world could be viewed more effectively from either a higher or lower perspective." He urges photographers "to get to a place and park yourself," letting nature come to you. "When one gets interested in photography, and begins to appreciate what's around him or her every day, that person will never die bored," he said. White-haired Swart, speaking English with a thick Afrikaans accent, resides and photographs in the wild semidesert region of Namaqualand in South Africa's northwest corner. Only an estimated 10 percent of the thousands of flower species that grow there have been scientifically catalogued. This is her second visit to Israel. Her audio-visual photographic essay of the local landscape set to music created a serenely relaxing effect on the mind. Her powerful compositions of rocks and flora, water and sky, archeology, and even stained-glass windows faded on and off the screen in a cyclical pattern reflecting Israel's rises and falls throughout the ages. Swart related that 16 years ago, before she met Patterson, who became her mentor, she was the kind of photographer who "put in a film on Christmas and didn't take it out until the next Christmas, whereupon I put in a new film." Now she's Patterson's teaching partner and a highly acclaimed nature and art photographer in her own right. For details about future workshops, call Rachel at (03) 938-4395 or Susan at (03) 752-2165, evenings only.

THERE AND THEN SRAYA SHAPIRO

INFURIATED by the aggressive behavior of the Jews in Palestine, British high commissioner Sir Alan Cunningham ordered a crackdown on the entire substructure of Jewish resistance. At dawn on Saturday June 29, 1946, thousands of British troops and policemen raided kibbutzim and towns, where they searched for arms and suspected members of Jewish underground organizations. Some 2,700 Jews were taken to detention camps in the Rafah area. The Jewish Agency headquarters in Jerusalem was occupied and its leaders were taken to the Latrun detention camp. These included Moshe Shertok (Sharett), then-head of the Jewish Agency's political department, who was arrested in a Tel Aviv hotel; Bernard (Dov) Joseph, who was resting in Netanya; David Remez, who was visiting Kvatrat Kinneret; and Yitzhak Grynbaum and Rabbi Yehuda Fishman (Maimon), who were at home in Jerusalem. Fishman refused to enter the police van on the Sabbath and was slightly injured when taken forcibly. David Ben-Gurion, chairman of the Jewish Agency executive, was in Paris and thus escaped arrest. Dr. Mordechai Naor recalls the events of that "Black Saturday" ("MiHerzl ad Ben-Gurion") - a series of studies about diverse incidents in Zionist history, published recently by the Ministry of Defense. The event that triggered "Operation Broadsides" was the blowing up by Palmah units of 10 targets along the Palestine border. "The Night of the Brigades" had a political message: The Jews could seal off the country. Cunningham assumed there would be no difficulty in finding a "moderate" Jewish leadership to replace that of "activists" such as Ben-Gurion. The obvious candidate seemed to be Dr. Chaim Weizmann, then-president of the Zionist Movement. Weizmann, who generally resided in England, happened to be at his Rehovot residence recovering from a series of eye operations and the flu. When it was intimated to him that the high commissioner might consider the release of Jewish Agency detainees, he went to Jerusalem to meet Cunningham. The meeting was full of mutual recriminations, says Naor. Weizmann refused to lead a "moderate" group of leaders, and Cunningham refused to release the Latrun detainees. Weizmann called on Cunningham again after a fortnight, but to no avail. Ben-Gurion was bolstered by Weizmann's stand. He was also encouraged by press reports that the British administration failed to find alternative leaders among the right-wing opposition to Ben-Gurion's Socialists. Proudly he declared at a press conference in



High commissioner Sir Alan Cunningham with David Ben-Gurion, who was in Paris when Cunningham cracked down on Jewish resistance in 1946 and thereby avoided arrest.

Paris that there could not be a Quisling or a Pétain among the Zionists. FROM LATRUN, Moshe Sharett maintained contact with the Agency leaders who remained free, including his deputy, Golda Myerson (Meir). He urged them to wait for the return to Jerusalem of Eliezer Kaplan, the Agency treasurer, who was known for his cool-headedness. Kaplan was also reputed to be a "moderate," which probably explains why he was not arrested. Sharett was also seen as a moderate by the administration, but Cunningham sent him to Latrun in spite of London's advice "not to include him." London wanted Sharett to take part in a new political initiative: a roundtable conference to discuss the possibility of dividing Palestine into three semi-autonomous sections - Arab, Jewish and British, under overall British jurisdiction. Cunningham stipulated that if Sharett was allowed to go to London, he would be re-arrested on his return. The matter was not put to test, however, because the Jewish Agency was firm that it would attend the conference only if it could choose its representatives, and only after the Latrun detainees were freed. Ben-Gurion declared that he would talk to the British only if they agreed to establish a Jewish state in part of Palestine. But British foreign secretary Ernest Bevin, citing links between the Jewish Agency and the "Hagana and other terrorist organizations," said he would not yield to Ben-Gurion's ultimatum. The seats reserved for the Jews around the round table remained vacant. Neither was any progress made with the Arabs who came to London, because the Arab idea of negotiations was not to budge from their initial stand. Meanwhile, two events changed the course of history. On July 22, 1946, the IZL broke its coordination agreement with the Hagana and blew up a wing of the King David Hotel, which served as the Palestine administration headquarters, killing 91 people - British, Jews and Arabs. And on October 4, American president Harry Truman made known his support for the establishment of a Jewish state, and advocated that the British allow 100,000 Holocaust survivors to enter Palestine. Negotiations now centered on London's demand that the Jewish Agency publicly condemn terrorism, which the Agency did on October 29. Though the high commissioner was not satisfied with the terms of the condemnation, he ordered the release of the Latrun detainees on November 5. Ben-Gurion and the Hagana's Moshe Shertok were allowed to return to Palestine. A number of Arab detainees were also freed.

The cat is out of the bag

HEADS N TAILS D'VORA BEN SHAUL A recent survey in the US showed that, when it comes to pets, there are at least three times as many cats as dogs. Since there has been no comparable survey here, some friends and I tried to find out which is the more popular in Israel. To find how many dogs are kept one can consult the official records of dogs vaccinated against rabies each year. This is required by law, so it isn't difficult to get this information. Furthermore, all dogs need licenses, registers of which are held by the municipalities, district and local councils. And there are the veterinarians who treat small animals. Even if you want to know what percentage of dogs are pedigreed you can ask the Israel Kennel Club how

many are registered in their stud book. But information on cats is more difficult to find. Cats do not get annual rabies vaccinations, nor do they require a license. And thousands of cats never need to see a vet in their lives. Many people do not even vaccinate them against cat diseases (though they should). And there is no real registry of pedigreed cats either. The only source we found was the suppliers of cat food, whether domestically produced or imported. Although a lot of cats live on table scraps and milk products, and some eat the same dog kibble as the family dog and many never see a cat kibble, we reached an amazing conclusion: There are probably two-and-a-half to three times the number of cats kept as companions as there are registered dogs! Our guesstimates matched the

US figures and those of most industrialized countries. Cats require far less attention than dogs. Either they go out alone for their toilet needs or they have a litter box. (The cat-litter market is huge.) You don't have to walk a cat and they aren't too fussy about what they eat. Birth control is easily handled by spaying or hormone injection, and many apartment cats are simply not let out to breed. More and more people are appreciating the independent but loving relationship that a cat can provide.

Invasion of the species

THE invaders are coming. Modern transport and the changing face of international trade are speeding up the spread of wildlife species around the world, according to a new report. World Health Organization scientists warned recently that such diseases as diphtheria, cholera and tuberculosis were increasing in the former Soviet bloc and are now threatening to spread to the West as trade links grow. For Chris Bright, a research associate at the Washington-based Worldwatch Institute, it is the latest development in a familiar pattern. In the institute's most recent annual report on environmental trends, State of the World 1996, Bright says the rate of "bio-invasions" - species moving around the globe - is increasing.

In some cases, the arrival of a new species can add to the biological diversity of an area's ecosystem. But many plants and animals have been threatened by such invasions, as have human societies. "Historically, one of the biggest bio-invasions was the movement of diseases from Europe into the Americas in the 16th century, which resulted in a huge collapse of the native population in the years that followed," Bright said. "Rats brought plague to Europe in the Middle Ages - killing millions of people," he added. "For animals, rats are also a threat. Many island species have been decimated across the years when rats have been accidentally introduced." It is believed that US military planes unwittingly may have brought the brown tree snake from Papua New Guinea to Guam, where it has driven nine native bird species, several lizards and possibly three types of bats to extinction. Some accidental introductions seem less dramatic, but are just as far-reaching. "Since the zebra mussel has been spread from its original home range, the Caspian Sea - probably in ships' ballast - it has become established in Europe and North America," Bright says. "This is an eco-disaster in the making." "Just as bio-invasions are affecting life at virtually every level on which it can be examined - genetic, ecological or economic - they are also affecting every nation, regardless of its wealth or place in world affairs." (The Sunday Telegraph)

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BUSINESS & FINANCE

Dow closes down 43 UK ends quarter on high note

WALL STREET REPORT

NEW YORK (AP) - Stocks ended mixed Friday but the Dow Jones industrial average plunged near the close as money managers locked in profits before the finish of a powerful first quarter.

American Stock Exchange's market value index rose and the technology-heavy Nasdaq composite was up solidly as key industry issues such as Cisco Systems, Microsoft and Intel rose.

On Wall Street, the Dow industrials lost 43.71 points to close at 5,587.14. The well-known barometer of big US companies, up nearly 10 percent since the start of the year, has meandered in a narrow range for most of the week with little in the way of economic news to stir the market.

Leading technology issues were also stronger on the NYSE. IBM was one of the few decisive winners among the Dow industrials.

The Commerce Department reported Friday morning that new home sales slipped 1.7 percent in February, the first decline in four months. Many analysts had expected higher sales as the threat of higher mortgage rates pushed buyers into the market.

WORLD MARKET ROUNDUP

LONDON (Reuters) - UK shares ended the first quarter on a positive note, buoyed by the re-emergence of merger interest, this time in the telecoms industry. Thursday's news that Cable & Wireless and British Telecom were back in exploratory talks which might lead to a merger sparked a more positive mood in the London market and took the FTSE 100 back towards the upper end of its recent trading range.

full percentage point lower, dragged down by lower DAX futures prices and a weaker dollar. The DAX index closed at 2,857.87 points, down 22.57 on the day and a fall of 18.15 on the week.

TOKYO - Tokyo's key Nikkei average closed the end of trading in the current fiscal year at a 21-month high, boosted by active buying partly for window-dressing. The boom in the over-the-counter (OTC) market continued on strong expectations of higher prices. The Nikkei finished up 111.03 points or 0.52 percent to 21,406.85, a gain of 705.93 on the week.

Dollar gains against yen CURRENCY REPORT

NEW YORK (AP) - The dollar reached seven-week highs against the Japanese yen Friday and finished with gains against most leading currencies after recovering from an early plunge on news of a surge in the US trade deficit.

day reversed course and started a lay-long climb. Rumors of Asian efforts to stem the dollar's fall were among efforts that helped lift the greenback.

ISRAELI MONEY MARKETS

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1st-quarter concern mounts WALL STREET REPORT

NEW YORK (AP) - With the economy looking too lively to justify new interest rate cuts, investors are depending on strong first-quarter earnings to keep stock prices aloft.

binated first-quarter earnings growth as low as 4 percent compared with the first three months of 1995, and probably not much better than 8 percent, according to analyst surveys by leading research firms.

They may not get them. Wall Street analysts who watch individual corporations are not nearly as upbeat as the Federal Reserve about the economy. They're expecting the slowest growth in quarterly profits in five years.

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Since the start of 1996, the S-and-P 500 is up 4.8 percent and the Dow Jones industrial average has risen 9.1 percent. If those gains outpace earnings growth significantly, money managers may move quickly to lock in profits.

But Wednesday, Fed chairman Alan Greenspan was noticeably up-in-a-report to Congress, saying he believed the major drag on economic growth was lessening and the economy had new "staying power."

INTERNATIONAL STOCK PRICES

Large table listing international stock prices for various countries including New York, London, Paris, Frankfurt, and others. Columns include Name, Price, Change, and Name.

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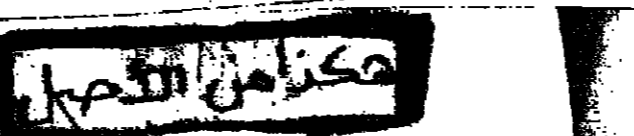
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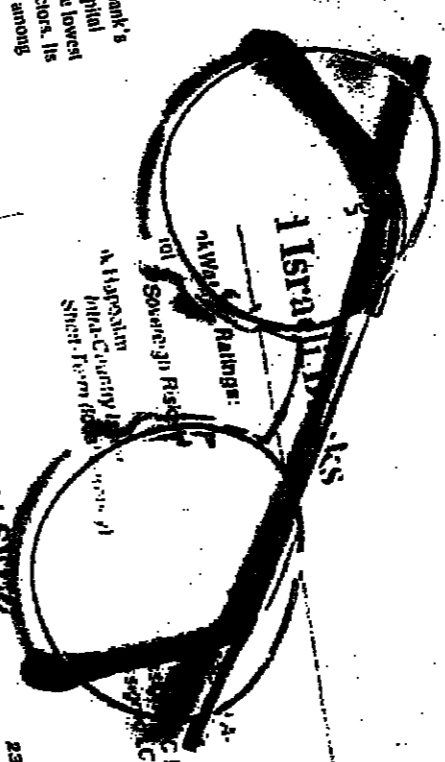
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